

Minutes Andover Preservation Commission May 20, 2014 – 6:30 P.M. 2nd Floor Conference Room – Town Offices

Present: Karen Herman, Jim Batchelder, Leslie Frost, Craig Gibson, Joanna Reck

Demolition Delay Hearing:

10 Wolcott Ave: Stephen Buckman, owner, request to raze garage site visit will be scheduled for Friday, 5/30/14 at 9:30 AM

50 Sunset Rock Road: John Watson, the Gothic Carpenter, Karen Herman, owner request to raze and rebuild existing attached shed. Karen Herman recused herself. Proposal will remove existing shed because of deteriorated condition and rebuild with inkind materials on the same footprint. New structure will preserve apple tree that sits behind it.

Voted 4-0 to approve request to rebuild with no delay imposed.

Review of Plans

20 High Street: Scott and Catherine Stecher, owners, Mike Livingston, Blackdog Builders, Inc. Proposal to replace exisitng front porch.

Leave exisiting porch and supporting beams. Stone step will remain. Would like to . remove the knee wall and have columns with balestrade down to the decking. They also want to replace the decking with tongue and grove gray composit decking. Detail of skirting at ground level will be vertical boards. Fiberglass columns will be used. Side deck on the driveway side. Want to replace side deck with the same size and shape and blind nail decking so it looks like wood.

Porch railing: Commission recommends keeping the railing at 30" Placement of the new columns should be flush with freezeboard of the porch. Same number of columns should be used - 8" columns at the base.

Move to approve as presented. Approved 5-0.

18 Park Street: Review of Plans

Andover Eye Wear, to be flagship store Todd Rogers Eyewear.

Residing building with hardy plank. Proposal will open up the window design, two by two on the first floor. They will not change the architecture of the building. Fixtures will be gaslight. Storefront will be black.

Voted 5-0 to approve as presented.

4 Carisbrooke: Chris Zorzy, contractor, Tom Spang, owner, proposing to reside the residence with Hardiplank.

Contactor wants to use 4' Hardi clapboard.

Trim pieces will be azac

Discussion about the loss of the aesthetic of the original shingle style house. All the existing houses of this style in Shawsheen Village are shingled with uniquely styled eyebrow windows. Hardiplank will seriously compromise the appearance of the house. The Commission is not in favor of using Hardiplank clapboard and will not vote to approve it. Hardiplank shingling would be acceptable, but the owner indicates he does not wish to spend the additional money for that material. The Commission offered several ways to minimize the impact of using an inappropriate material through the use of paint of the same color as the clapboards to draw attention away from the corners and areas around the windows. The builder should also minimize the size of the corner boards because it is necessary to have an end piece to abut the clapboards at the edges. The retention of the building trim and eyebrow windows is critically important to the aesthetic of the house. Shutters need to be sized appropriately to the house. The Commission (5-0) recommends against the use of Hardiplank clapboard siding.

<u>Dimensional Special Permit / Historic Preservation:</u>

41 Porter Road/37 Porter Road: Todd Wacome, review of plans

at ZBA June 5th – only includes 41 Porter. Mr. Wacome has designed an attached garage with setbacks that meet requirements. The plans match the roof line of the existing house, 2 car garage, 1 story.

Commission recommends a painted wood door with windows for the garage doors, and will provide some examples. Voted (5-0) to approve design as presented.

290 Lowell Street: Mark Yanowitz, Architect, Mark Johnson, review of plans The lots will comply with current bylaw. This site is a combination of two historic houses, one moved by William Wood in the early 20th century.

Site visit will be scheduled before the next APC meeting. The proposal has not been filed with ZBA.

Site visit scheduled for Friday, 5/30/14 at 8:30 AM

Project updates

64 Summer Street: Mark Ratte, ZBA hearing update **410 High Plain Road**: Steven Doherty, developer, update

21 River Street: Ken LaRose, Builder –preservation restriction approved

Other Business

2014 Preservation Awards: Award ceremony, May 21, 2014, 7PM Memorial Hall Library

Next meeting: June 10, 2014